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Applicant: Tyagi et al.

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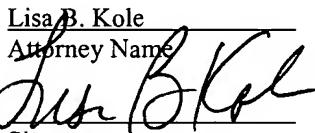
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For: A SCREENING METHOD FOR DEVELOPING DRUGS
AGAINST PATHOGENIC MICROBES HAVING TWO-
COMPONENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 27, 2004, please
consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request a two month
extension of time up to and including May 27, 2005 and enclose the required fee as set
forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for a small entity.